

Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

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Our guest speaker for February 14, 2022 is Nicole Shir.

The Needs Languages— How our Personalities Communicate

How we can connect. How we can conflict. How we find balance.

Author Nicole Shir has brought us two books, one, *The Needs Languages: Bringing Balance & Belonging in Dating*, and the second, *The Needs Languages: Bring Balance & Belonging in Parenting*. Both books saw L. Chapman as contributor author.

Nicole says: My name is Nicole Shir. I did my undergrad with a minor in business and conflict resolution and completed my master's in industrial-organizational psychology in six months with honors. I volunteer with several committees that work towards equity for people with disabilities. I am part of the American Psychological Association and applying for graduate school. I am working on a coaching business around my book, *The Needs Languages*, which talks about how our personalities communicate. I believe strongly in inclusion, talking about the elephant in the room in an honoring way, and working together to heal our planet.

Milestones (and Pebbles :>)

Mike Brandt says, "2021 was a milestone year for me. I was asked and spoke at two writers' conferences in two states. The first was at the Public Safety Writers Conference held in Las Vegas, and the second was at the Elk Grove Writers Conference. Both were successful." Mike speaks at Feb. Workshops, p. 4.

Jeannie Turner says that her little poem (on page 3) could be her "pebble," because it doesn't really qualify for a milestone. (Well, I think it's a big pebble. Thank you, dear Jeannie. - Editor.)

Cle Curbo attended the book signing of his editor's latest novel, *Madam in Lace*, at The Avid Reader in Sacramento. More than 20 listeners were treated to excerpts from the historical fiction of romance, intrigue & spies in 19th century France. Written by Gini Grossenbacher, our March, 2022 speaker (see, p. 3).

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, February 14, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting time.

On your computer.

AT 6:55 pm [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE 7 pm ZOOM MEETING](#) —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life,

Happy Valentine's Day to members and guests. We have new workshops, new speakers, and new podcasts. See you at our second Zoom meeting of the new year at 7—9 pm on Monday, February 14, 2022.



Just click on the link below, and you will be connected to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUputz09>

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Ronald Smith, President SSWC



More Milestones

Bernard Wozny is working to publish the first book of his series *Girl Electric*. Editing should be complete before February. Bernard has the cover and formatting prepared. Launch is slated for early February. Of course, delays could happen, he's encountered them before. Book 2 in the series is plot complete, but remaining are the critiquing, proofreading, editing, and so on. Yet a third novel is in the editing stage, and could maybe be ready by the end of February. The third book is titled *O. R. P. Orzel, the Spirit of Poland*. Bernard's website is up and running at www.bernardwozny.com, although apparently it needs some tweaks and SEO (search engine optimization) improvements.

Here is the back of the book come on for *Electric Girl*: Beware of your next injection.... High school student Adara Banks suffers a drowning accident while white water rafting. William Banks, her estranged father, attempts to revive her from a coma by injecting her with stolen nanotechnology. This military-grade nanotech attaches to the nervous system of the host body. The swarming nanobots carry Artificial Intelligence, that enables intelligent control of the living body. William Banks programs the autonomous AI to mimic his daughter. Controlling a body is one thing. Adara's high-tech shadow must learn not only how to be a human, but also how to be Adara Banks. What could possibly go wrong? A must-read for any intelligence, artificial or otherwise.

Carol Smith found quality time to resume writing after the holidays. Her new Pomeranian puppy is teaching her perseverance, patience, and focus. Her milestone is achieving focus again, and again!

WORKSHOPS BLURB

Gloria Cooksey

SSWC Workshops kindly requests your presentation. Teach us something you know, or suspect you know. Tell us of your experiences in writing and in life. Perhaps an incident in your life will inspire others to write about similar happenings or entirely opposite ones.

The February 14, 2022, Workshop is presented by Mike Brandt.
Read all about his presentation on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

Grammar Guardian Tips

Pet Peeves

Mary Lou Anderson (aka M. L. Edson)

Wrong: Here's a couple of videos to watch.

Correct: **Here are a couple ...**

Wrong: There's two attachments to this email.

Correct: **There are two ...**

"There" is neither singular nor plural.

"Here" is neither singular nor plural.

There and *here* use the "number" they refer to within the sentence.

There **is** one in the box.

There **are** two or more available.

Here **is** the one thing you asked for.

Here **are** the many things you need.

The only time you should include incorrect usage would be to show that your character is a dolt by having him or her use bad grammar.

Coming March 14, 2022 our delightful guest speaker will be Gini Grossenbacher, award winning author, poet, certified editor, educator, publisher, founder of Elk Grove Writers and Artists, and JGKS Press in Sacramento County. Gini has thirty-six years experience teaching English/language arts to adolescents and adults. Her debut American Madams series novel,

Madam of My Heart, was a silver medalist for historical fiction in the 2018 Independent Publisher awards; *Madam in Silk* was runner up for historical fiction in the 2020 National Indie Excellence Awards. Her 3rd book, *Madam in Lace* is set in mid 19th century France, where main character, Celeste, finds romance, intrigue, and spies on the way to finding her mother.



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- A Poem by Jeannie Turner -

Why is the month of love so short?
Every month we need it.
The cry for love is in the air,
It's up to us to heed it.

Why is the month of love so short?
We need love every day.
It's up to us to show that love
In many and many a way.

Why is the month of love so short?
We need love every hour.
We're strengthened by our Father's love,
His love gives us our power.

Why is the month of love so short?
We need love every minute.
Let's share our love with all the world
And every one that's in it.

Why is the month of love so short?
We need love all the time.
So let's be kind to all we meet
And make those love bells chime.



WORKSHOPS

Gloria Cooksey

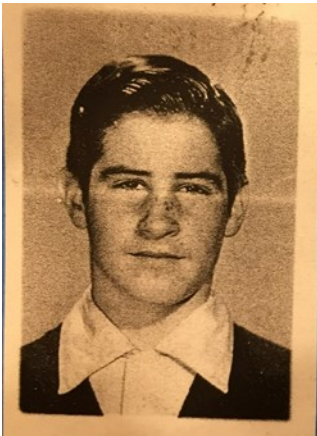
Our February 14, 2022, Workshop below is presented by
SSWC Member Mike Brandt.

Gloria Cooksey brought us the idea of producing podcasts:
Hear all 3 SSWC Podcasts on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>

February's Workshop, February 14, 2022:

Writing a Daily Travel Journal

Presented By Mike Brandt



Mike Brandt's unique set of travel experiences and training has made him a premier author in the writing of travel articles. We are privileged to have a person of varied outlook and worldwide adventures such as Mike Brandt to entertain and educate those of us who are much less traveled in our journey through life.

Mike Brandt's Journeys

In 1999, after completing the grueling Two Oceans Marathon in Cape Town, South Africa, Mike started writing travel articles.

Mike's had numerous articles/short stories published, including three stories in the SSWC's Anthologies.

He's written articles for international travel magazines about Belize, volcano boarding in Nicaragua, and recently completed a crime thriller on Mt. Elbrus in southern Russia.

Mike is an extremophile who enjoys traveling, skydiving, mountaineering, marathoning, and writing stories about his adventures.

Mike has been a member of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club since 2015 and has been a speaker and panelist and is always a welcome presenter at writers' conferences.

Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

_____ Individual \$40 / year

_____ Couple \$55 / year

_____ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

_____ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: sactowriters.org

Name: _____ Genres: _____

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at turnerjeannie48@gmail.com and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith
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Coffee/Treats	Al Gilding
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Raffle	YOU ?????
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

**There's a spot in the list
above for YOU!**



WRITING INSPIRATION

For our March, 2022, Newsletter, please send a short list of stories that you would like to see in books.

These stories can be nonfiction, such as the true story of Joan of Arc, or what really happened in the battles between the British and the Romans. Or, what was the downfall of Ankor Wat in Southeast Asia?

Was the atomic bomb possible only because scientists got the math right?

If you wish to see fictional stories, please list the genre and a short outline of the story.



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

After February, our Next meeting is:

Monday, March 14, 2022

via Zoom

*All writers are encouraged to attend.
Membership is not mandatory
but brings privileges — like
publication in the newsletter!*